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## ***Transportation Update***

***December 2001***

### **Caltrans Releases its Draft Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP)**

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, Caltrans released its proposed projects for the ITIP, which includes several projects in Alameda County:

- \$4.2 million for the Emeryville Amtrak station
- \$10 million for the BART Oakland Airport Connector
- \$1 million for Altamont Commuter Express track upgrades

The draft program also includes statewide funding in the amount of \$12.7 million for car sharing programs in several locations, including Alameda County. A copy of the ITIP is available at [www.dot.ca.gov/hq/transprog/stip.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/transprog/stip.htm).

### **Caltrans Proposes Safety, Maintenance and Operations Projects in Alameda County**

Caltrans has released its proposed safety, maintenance and operations projects for the 2002 State Highway Operations & Protection Program (SHOPP). The draft SHOPP recommends \$406.5 million in projects in Alameda County over the next five years – a very sizeable investment. Projects include:

- Safety improvements on Route 13, Route 84 and I-580 totaling over \$50 million
- Roadway rehabilitation on routes 24, I-80, 84, 123, I-238, 260, I-580, I-680 and I-880 totaling over \$160 million
- Replacement of bridges for seismic safety at High Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue on I-880 in Oakland totaling \$170 million

- Various operational improvements totaling nearly \$25 million

Copies of the draft SHOPP are available at the CMA offices.

### **MTC Approves Regional Transit Expansion Policy**

At its December 19, 2001 meeting, MTC approved the Regional Transit Expansion Policy (RTEP). The RTEP includes the CMA's six candidate projects:

- AC Transit's Berkeley/Oakland/San Leandro Corridor Bus Rapid Transit
- AC Transit Enhanced Bus Service in various major corridors
- BART Connector to Oakland Airport
- BART to Santa Clara County, including the South Fremont extension
- Dumbarton Rail
- Livermore Valley Rail

There are some minor variations in funding sources, and the program includes several but not all of the enhanced bus corridors requested by AC Transit. Copies of the final program are available from MTC.

### **MTC Approves Regional Transportation Plan Update**

At the December meeting, MTC adopted the 2001 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which identifies project and program commitments for the next 25 years. MTC accepted the vast majority of the CMA's proposals for Alameda County. In addition to the capital improvement program, the RTP includes several policy statements relating to lifeline transportation, a student transit pass pilot program, transit capital shortfalls, the regional bicycle plan, pedestrian safety and Proposition 42.

Copies of the final RTP are available from MTC.

## CMA Board Seeks Federal Grants for Studies in I-580/I680 Corridor

The CMA has submitted two federal grant applications – one for a dynamic ridesharing pilot project in the vicinity of the Dublin BART station and the other for a study of so called FAIR lanes in the I-580/I-680 corridors. The FAIR Lanes Study will investigate equity issues associated with High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes. A decision on the grant requests is anticipated in March 2002.

## Air Quality and Transportation

The U.S. EPA has re-started the public comment period on the transportation component of the Bay Area air quality plan, which will delay plan approval beyond the January 21, 2002 deadline and trigger a conformity lapse. Previous information indicates that project sponsors affected by this lapse may need to stop work. CMA staff is working with MTC on this matter and will communicate with the project sponsors that may be impacted.

## Legislation

Proposition 42 This measure on the March 2002 ballot will permanently dedicate the sales tax on gasoline to transportation. It will provide \$5.75 billion for transportation projects and services in the Bay Area over the next 25 years according to MTC. The CMA's long range plan assumes this source of revenue for \$440 million in projects. The CMA supports Proposition 42.

## Deadlines to Note

CMA Transportation Improvement Program \$17 million remains to be programmed. Projects in the CMA's adopted Group II list will again be considered for funding in April 2002. Sponsors

wishing to have their Group II projects considered in April must submit documentation to the CMA by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Federal Funding Programs – Delivery Deadlines  
Projects programmed with Cycle II TEA-21 funds must have obligated these funds by September 30, 2002. Failure to comply with this deadline could result in the loss of funds programmed to the project. Sponsors with projects that may have problems with this deadline should contact CMA staff immediately.

## Upcoming Meetings

January	8	CMA Technical Advisory Committee
	14	CMA Administration & Legislation Committee
	14	CMA Plans & Programs Committee
	16	I-580 Corridor Policy Advisory Committee
	23/24	CTC (Sacramento)
	28	Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Board
	30	I-580 Corridor Policy Advisory Committee
	31	CMA Board Meeting
February	2	CMA Board Workshop/Retreat
	5	CMA Technical Advisory Committee
	8	I-680 Corridor Policy Advisory Committee
	11	CMA Administration & Legislation Committee
	11	CMA Plans & Programs Committee
	tbd	San Pablo Ave Policy Advisory Committee
	tbd	I-580 Corridor Policy Advisory Committee
	tbd	I-880 Corridor Steering Committee
	25	Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Board
	27/28	CTC (Sacramento)
	28	CMA Board Meeting

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